

## **Kentucky Ecologist Chosen for International Leadership Program**

Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) Ecologist, Martina Hines has been selected to participate in the first leadership program sponsored by NatureServe. NatureServe is a non-profit umbrella organization of natural heritage programs throughout the Americas.

NatureServe and the American Express Foundation have partnered to provide a unique leadership training opportunity for 20 international members of their network. The NatureServe, "*Leader to Leader*" training is designed to provide opportunities for career advancements in conservation and improve the effectiveness of individual natural heritage programs and the NatureServe network.

Under the guidance of professional leadership trainers, participants will seek to accomplish their program's goals over the course of one year. These goals include; acquiring knowledge and practices that increase the participant's effectiveness in their current sphere of influence, building a foundation for future leadership roles, learning more about NatureServe and its leadership opportunities and emerging with a stronger personal network to support their current and future careers.

Thanks to a grant by American Express, the training is free of charge to its participants.